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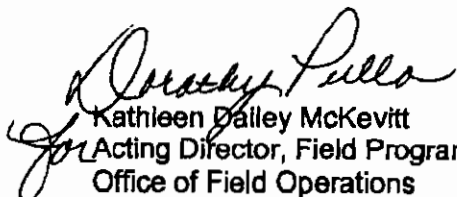
Dear Ms. Ronis:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and/or Privacy Act request that we received in our office.

Enclosed are four (4) pages of requested documents. Certain portions of these documents are exempt from disclosure pursuant to 5 USC 552 (b)(2), as they are administrative markings and are related solely to the internal administrative practices of this agency. In addition, specific sections are excepted from revelation pursuant to exemption (b)(7)(C) of the FOIA, as they are names of individuals the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

If you consider the deletions to constitute a partial denial of your request for disclosure, you may appeal to the Assistant Commissioner, Office of Regulations and Rulings, U.S. Customs and Border Protection. Your appeal must be made in writing within 35 days after the date of this notification. An information sheet is enclosed.

Sincerely,

  
Kathleen Dalley McKeivitt  
for Acting Director, Field Programs  
Office of Field Operations

Enclosures

**SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT REPORT**  
**NORFOLK SUB-OFFICE**

**1. The date and time of the incident**

April 5, 2002, 1400 Hours

**2. The name and telephone number of the person making the report**

b7c [REDACTED] Acting OIC, Norfolk, Virginia [REDACTED] b7c

**3. The location of the nearest INS office with jurisdiction over the personnel involved**

Washington District Office  
Norfolk Sub-Office

[REDACTED]  
Norfolk, VA 23513

Tel: [REDACTED]

Fax: [REDACTED]

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**4. A brief description of the incident**

"American Taliban" arrived at Norfolk and inspection deferred per Assistant Commissioner for Inspections, [REDACTED]

**5. The identity and current location of any injured or deceased person(s), including an assessment of the extent of the injuries**

Not applicable.

**6. The identity and current location of:**

**a) INS personnel involved in the incident**

b7c / SII [REDACTED], Norfolk, Virginia  
II [REDACTED], Norfolk, Virginia  
APD [REDACTED], Dulles, Virginia  
(A) OIC [REDACTED], Norfolk, Virginia

**b) Witnesses (INS and civilian)**

Not applicable.

**7. Firearms incidents only: The type of firearm used, number of shots fired, and the current location of all firearms used in the incident.**

Not applicable.

**SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT REPORT  
NORFOLK SUB-OFFICE**

8. **Other law enforcement organizations notified - Have any of these initiated an investigation?**

United States Attorney, AUSA [REDACTED] <sup>67c</sup> Norfolk

9. **Actual or expected media interest, including information released to the media**

High level of media interest expected.

10. **Narrative of events.**

News reports indicate that Yasser Esam Hamdi, 22 years old with Saudi parents, may arrive at the Norfolk Naval Air Station on Friday, April 5, 2002. Although the subject has produced a birth certificate possibly establishing US citizenship by birth in the US, a final determination of citizenship has not been made.

Per the United States Attorney's office in Norfolk, the subject is to remain in the custody of the military and will be placed in the 'brig' until citizenship has been determined and until a determination as to charges to be levied has been made.

Unless other direction is received, upon arrival, we will parole the subject into the custody of the Department of Defense (US Navy and/or Marine Corps).

**SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT REPORT  
NORFOLK SUB-OFFICE**

**1. The date and time of the incident**

Friday, April 5, 2002 -

**2. The name and telephone number of the person making the report**

b7c [REDACTED] Acting Officer in Charge, Norfolk

**3. The location of the nearest INS office with jurisdiction over the personnel involved**

Washington District Office  
Norfolk Sub-Office

[REDACTED] - b7c  
Norfolk, VA 23513

Tel: [REDACTED]

Fax: [REDACTED]

**4. A brief description of the incident**

"American Taliban" to be flown from Guantanamo Bay to Norfolk Naval Air Station on Friday, April 5, 2002.

**5. The identity and current location of any injured or deceased person(s), including an assessment of the extent of the injuries**

Not applicable.

**6. The identity and current location of:**

**a) INS personnel involved in the incident**

Inspections personnel upon arrival of subject.

**b) Witnesses (INS and civilian)**

Not applicable.

**7. Firearms incidents only: The type of firearm used, number of shots fired, and the current location of all firearms used in the incident**

Not applicable.

**SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT REPORT  
NORFOLK SUB-OFFICE**

8. **Other law enforcement organizations notified - Have any of these initiated an investigation?**

[REDACTED] 62 (b)(2)  
representatives on site during inspection.

9. **Actual or expected media interest, including information released to the media**

High level of media interest expected.

10. **Narrative of events.**

On April 6, local news articles stated that the second "American Taliban" would be arriving in the Norfolk area on this date. Inquiries to the US Attorney's local office provided information that the subject would be first arriving at Dulles and then would travel to Norfolk Naval Air Station where he would be placed in military custody until a determination as to citizenship could be made and until the US Attorney could decide on the charges to be levied against the individual.

At approximately 1200 hours, the aircraft touched down at Dulles where US Immigration officers boarded the aircraft and retrieved information on the crew and subject. The aircraft was not inspected by US Immigration at that time. Per instructions from HQ Inspections, upon arrival at Norfolk NAS, SII [REDACTED] and II [REDACTED] } 67c (b)(7)(C) boarded the aircraft and completed the inspection of the crew and subject. IBIS queries were conducted by Dulles personnel while the aircraft was in transit from Dulles to Norfolk.

The subject, Yasser Esam HAMDI, DOB November 17, 1980, COB unknown, was paroled for 30 days for deferred inspection "To determine citizenship". Form I-259, Notice to Detain, Remove, or Present Alien, was served on Captain [REDACTED] 67c  
Commanding Officer, Naval Station Norfolk.

Upon arrival of the aircraft at Norfolk, media crews were disbursed by Military Police as they positioned themselves around the perimeter of the field in hopes of capturing footage of the subject.